

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2019 Annual Action Plan outlines activities during the third year of the 5-year Consolidated Plan that was submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2017. This document includes plans for the use of HOME funds received by the New River Valley HOME Consortium, as well as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding received by the Town of Blacksburg.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Program Year 3 Action Plan (2019/20) includes the following activities to achieve its objectives and outcomes that are outlined below: Homeownership Assistance (CDBG); Public Service Funding (CDBG and CDBG-CV); Economic Development (CDBG-CV); Rental Rehabilitation (HOME); Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG); Rental Construction (HOME); and Homeownership Construction (HOME).

Objectives and Outcomes:

1. Town of Blacksburg CDBG: Community Housing Partners will acquire, rehabilitate, and resell single family homes in the Bennett Hill/Progress neighborhood to create long term affordability utilizing HOME LMI resale requirements. Blacksburg will continue its Housing Resiliency Grants Program that will assist LMI families with home modifications and repairs. Blacksburg will also continue to provide public service funding to eligible community organizations.
2. Montgomery County HOME: 7 new construction homeownership opportunities for LMI families, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of the NRV; 10 new construction rental units for LMI families as part of Prices Fork Phase 2 apartment project
3. Floyd County HOME: 7 new construction homeownership opportunities for LMI families, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of the NRV
4. Giles County 2 apartments acquired and rehabilitated for LMI persons who are 55+

5. The HOME match requirement. This requirement will be met through a combination of sources: private cash donations, sweat equity and volunteer hours received by Habitat for Humanity, and state historic tax credits.

Town of Blacksburg CDBG-CV

Public service activities designed to assist LMI members of the Blacksburg community to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus will be supported with CDBG-CV funds in the following ways:

- relief with rent, mortgages and utilities through a grant to New River Community Action
- hunger relief through grants to local non-profits, including the YMCA at Virginia Tech, Millstone Kitchen, the Blacksburg Farmers Market and Micah's Backpack. Programs supported will include fresh meal preparation/delivery and increased access to fresh, local produce.
- support for access to healthcare through a grant to the Community Health Center, which provides a range of health services to LMI families, including adaptive telehealth capacities during the pandemic.

An Economic Development program will provide grants to qualifying local businesses to assist with the negative economic impacts of the Coronavirus. Grant funds will be applied to expenses such as salaries, lease/mortgage, insurance and utilities.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The following activities occurred during the second year of the consolidated plan (2018/19)

- 1 home acquired in the Bennett Hill/Progress Neighborhood for LMI homeownership
- 4 homes rehabilitated in Blacksburg through the Housing Resiliency Grant program
- 37 persons assisted with homeless prevention services
- affordable child care subsidies provided for 22 children from LMI households
- full lease-up of the Prices Fork apartments for persons aged 55+, including 8 designated HOME units
- full lease-up of the Summit Place Assisted Living Center, including 12 designated HOME units

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Town of Blacksburg and NRV HOME Consortium invited citizens to review and comment on the Action Plan over a 30-day comment period. Notification was printed in the local daily newspaper on February 24, 2019 (the Roanoke Times), and the Plan was posted to the Town website for public viewing. The public was invited to attend a public hearing during the monthly meeting of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board if they wanted to make comments publicly, and were also invited to submit their comments by phone, mail or email.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

There were no public comments about the Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

There were no public comments about the Action Plan.

7. Summary

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BLACKSBURG	Housing and Neighborhood Services
HOME Administrator	BLACKSBURG	Housing and Neighborhood Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The New River Valley HOME Consortium provides leadership and input to several coordinated regional initiatives, including:

The New River Valley Housing Study

Consortium and Town staff are participating members of the Leadership Team for this initiative, which is being undertaken from July 2018 - December 2019. The study compiles citizen input and housing market data to provide a detailed understanding of the regional and local housing market and housing issues in New River Valley communities, and develops tailored strategies that address both regional and local housing needs. It will provide localities and developers with data and strategies that help to guide their investment in housing production and redevelopment projects.

Aging in Place Leadership Team

The New River Valley HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg are participating members of this multi-disciplinary team that meets monthly to develop and implement "aging in place" strategies for the region. Current activities have included the development of a workbook that is designed to assist aging members of the community to plan effectively for aging in place, with a focus on housing, health and wellness, personal finance, transportation and connection and growth. The workbook can be accessed on-line, and can also be used to conduct community workshops. The team is currently working on a video to accompany the workbook as well as a train-the-trainer workshop.

The New River Valley Livability Initiative

Staff of the Town of Blacksburg and NRV HOME Consortium continue to serve on the Leadership Team of the NRV Livability Initiative. The Livability Initiative was a three-year regional planning process which provided an opportunity for NRV residents to develop a vision for the future and develop strategies that businesses, community organizations, local governments, and individuals can use to make this future vision a reality. A significant component of the Livability Initiative was the development of housing and neighborhood options, including the need for affordable housing. The NRV Livability Initiative has moved into the implementation phase of the strategies developed during the process.

New River Valley Housing Resource Guide

In June of 2017, the NRV HOME Consortium initiated a regional multi-agency effort to create a comprehensive resource aimed at assisting those seeking information about affordable housing in the region. Information was gathered by HOME Consortium staff, in partnership with 21 local and regional entities. Meetings are held annually to provide input to improving and updating the content. This resource, which is available in on-line and print versions, includes:

- a list of housing services, including emergency shelters, energy assistance and weatherization, fair housing, home repair, financing, home modifications, housing choice vouchers, housing counseling and education, and legal assistance
- a listing of affordable rental housing units, with information including unit size, price range, estimate of tenant-paid utility cost, proximity to services, age, accessibility features and contact information.

New River Valley Housing Partnership

The Town of Blacksburg is a participating member of this committee, which meets monthly. Please see description under next question.

Coronavirus Response

In order to better understand community needs and allocate CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus, a survey was conducted of agencies that provide services in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, healthcare, economic development and food security.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The New River Valley Housing Partnership, a collaborative effort of several local agencies, is the entity responsible for the local Continuum of Care. The Partnership meets monthly, where information is shared and input sought to enhance local efforts to address and prevent homelessness. The Town of Blacksburg supports two of the participating agencies (New River Community Action and Women's Resource Center of the NRV) through the CDBG Public Services program, and meets annually with project coordinators to discuss homeless needs and related supportive services.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

N/A

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Annual visit for monitoring of CDBG activities. Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team. Participation in NRV Housing Partnership meetings
2	Agency/Group/Organization	New River Valley Homebuilders Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
3	Agency/Group/Organization	New River Valley Association of Realtors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team

4	Agency/Group/Organization	New River Valley Apartment Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Connections
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Housing Partners
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team. Participation in NRV Housing Partnership meetings

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Onward NRV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Virginia Tech Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Floyd Initiative for Safe Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Aging In Place Initiatives
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team. Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Giles County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Virginia Community Capital
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Narional Bank of Blacksburg
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Private Sector Banking / Financing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Radford University
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
15	Agency/Group/Organization	USDA Rural Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
16	Agency/Group/Organization	New River Valley Agency on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Aging in Place Initiatives; CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team. Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team

17	Agency/Group/Organization	Gay and Neel
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Balzer and Associates
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
19	Agency/Group/Organization	MONTGOMERY COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Christiansburg
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Floyd County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
22	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWN OF FLOYD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
23	Agency/Group/Organization	PULASKI COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
24	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Radford
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Pulaski
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
26	Agency/Group/Organization	New River Valley Regional Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Aging in Place Initiatives
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team. Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Virginia Center for Housing Research
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education research organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Carilion Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
29	Agency/Group/Organization	HCA Healthcare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on NRV Housing Study Leadership Team
30	Agency/Group/Organization	AARP Blacksburg Chapter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Aging in Place Initiatives
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Foundation of the New River Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Foundation

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Aging in Place Initiatives
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Aging in Place Initiatives
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Aging in Place Initiatives
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Aging in Place Initiatives

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation on Aging in Place Leadership Team
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Department of Veterans Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation in NRV Housing Partnership meetings
36	Agency/Group/Organization	Women's Resource Center of the NRV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation during annual monitoring of CDBG activities. Participation in NRV Housing Partnership meetings
37	Agency/Group/Organization	Live Work Eat Gather Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	services - food security
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

38	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Health Center of the New River Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
40	Agency/Group/Organization	The YMCA at Virginia Tech
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	services - food security
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
41	Agency/Group/Organization	Micah's Backpack
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children services - food security
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
42	Agency/Group/Organization	Friends of the Farmers Market
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	services - food security
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
43	Agency/Group/Organization	Blacksburg Refugee Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
44	Agency/Group/Organization	Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	servcies - food security
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG-CV: community response to Coronavirus
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	New River Valley Housing Partnership	Alignment of efforts to address homelessness through CDBG Public Services funding and development of new affordable housing projects.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

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CDBG-CV Funds

The following amendment was added to the Citizen's Participation Plan according to waivers applied to the use of CARES Act funding:

For projects utilizing CARES Act CDBG-CV funding, the Town of Blacksburg may provide a 5-day notice/comment period for proposed amendments necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. In-person hearings are not required. Public hearing requirements may be met with virtual public hearings if: 1) national/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons; and 2) virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with the Town of Blacksburg's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses. These revisions are permissible by HUD waiver in accordance with 24 CFR 5.110.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	no response/attendees	no comments received		
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	no response	no comments received		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Please note: we are currently awaiting a HUD announcement on 2019 funding allocations. The budget items listed in this report are based on our best estimates at this time. Proposed activity budgets will be proportionately increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	516,140	0	0	516,140	900,000	Amount based on 2019 allocation.

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	610,195	0	508,542	1,118,737	1,200,000	Amount based on 2019 allocation.
Other	public - federal	Other	314,277	0	0	314,277	0	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The Consortium will leverage non federal funds to meet the 25% HOME allocation match requirements for each year HOME funding is received during the Consolidated Plan program period. The Consortium anticipates using funds through a Habitat project and an historic tax credit project to meet match requirements. Additionally, the HOME Consortium has accumulated excess of more than \$1 million.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There are no current plans to use any publicly owned land or publicly owned property to address needs identified in this Plan.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Support Affordable Housing	2017	2021	Affordable Housing	Town of Blacksburg CDBG Floyd County HOME Giles County HOME Montgomery County HOME	Affordable Housing - Production of New Units Affordable Housing - Rehab Existing Units Affordable Housing - Aquisition of Existing Units Public Services	CDBG: \$349,912 HOME: \$518,500	Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
2	Prevent and End Homelessness	2017	2021	Homeless	Town of Blacksburg CDBG	Public Services	CDBG: \$17,685	Homelessness Prevention: 37 Persons Assisted
3	Support Non-Homeless Special Needs	2017	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Town of Blacksburg CDBG	Public Services	CDBG: \$45,315	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 22 Persons Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Support Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>Affordable housing projects will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in Montgomery County • 7 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in Floyd County • 10 new apartment units constructed in Montgomery County • 2 apartments acquired and rehabilitated in Giles County • 1 home acquired in the Bennett Hill/Progress Neighborhood for LMI homeownership • 5 homes rehabilitated in Blacksburg via the Housing Resiliency Grant program
2	Goal Name	Prevent and End Homelessness
	Goal Description	Provide supportive services to two area non-profits to provide funding for a homeless intervention program and a program for abused and battered women and their children.
3	Goal Name	Support Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Goal Description	<p>Provide assistance for LMI families in Blacksburg for affordable childcare. This allows their parent(s) to work and provide for their families while their children receive quality childcare which is often too expensive for them to otherwise afford.</p> <p>Support community efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.</p>

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Mission of the Town of Blacksburg CDBG Program and the NRV HOME Consortium is to improve the quality of life of its citizens, develop new housing opportunities, maintain and conserve the region's affordable housing stock, expand home ownership opportunities and address housing needs of low-to-moderate-income persons.

#	Project Name
1	HOME Montgomery County Housing Initiatives
2	CDBG - Bennett Hill/Progress Neighborhood Stabilization
3	CDBG Admin - 2019
4	HOME - Admin 2019
5	CDBG - Public Services 2019
6	CDBG - Housing Resiliency Grants 2019
7	HOME - CHDO Operating 2019
8	HOME - Giles - Compton Apartments
9	HOME - Floyd - Floyd Townhomes
10	HOME - Prices Fork Apartments Phase 2
11	CDBG-CV Administration
12	CDBG-CV Public Services
13	CDBG-CV Economic Development

Table 4 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities are based upon the jurisdiction's priorities and past demand for projects and services. The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the limited resources available to reduce the housing cost burden. The NRV HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg seek additional resources from other public and private entities in an effort to leverage the limited amount of HOME and CDBG funds available.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	HOME Montgomery County Housing Initiatives
	Target Area	Montgomery County HOME
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Production of New Units
	Funding	:
	Description	Seven new construction homeownership opportunities for LMI families, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of the NRV
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These activities will benefit 7 LMI families.
	Location Description	Montgomery County
	Planned Activities	New construction of seven townhouses.
2	Project Name	CDBG - Bennett Hill/Progress Neighborhood Stabilization
	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Rehab Existing Units Affordable Housing - Aquisition of Existing Units
	Funding	:
	Description	Acquisition, rehab and resale of homes in the Bennett Hill/Progress neighborhood to create affordable home ownership opportunities for LMI households.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Blacksburg
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	CDBG Admin - 2019

	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing Prevent and End Homelessness Support Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Rehab Existing Units Affordable Housing - Aquisition of Existing Units Public Services
	Funding	:
	Description	CDBG admin for FY July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	HOME - Admin 2019
	Target Area	Floyd County HOME Giles County HOME Montgomery County HOME
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Rehab Existing Units Affordable Housing - Aquisition of Existing Units Affordable Housing - Production of New Units
	Funding	:
	Description	HOME Admin for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	CDBG - Public Services 2019
	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Prevent and End Homelessness Support Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	:
	Description	Public Service activities for July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. 1) Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley - \$6,417; 2) New River Valley Community Action - \$11,268; 3) Valley Interfaith Child Care Center - \$45,315
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	CDBG - Housing Resiliency Grants 2019
	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Rehab Existing Units Affordable Housing - Aquisition of Existing Units
	Funding	:
	Description	Housing Resiliency Grants will provide approximately \$5,000 for LMI families living in Blacksburg to receive assistance with home modifications and repairs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
7	Project Name	HOME - CHDO Operating 2019
	Target Area	Montgomery County HOME
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Production of New Units
	Funding	HOME: \$30,500
	Description	Provide funding for CHDOs in the New River Valley under the CHDO Operating umbrella. They will provide assistance with project creation.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seven families will benefit with new homeownership opportunities.
	Location Description	Montgomery County
	Planned Activities	Construction of 7 new townhouses for homeownership.
8	Project Name	HOME - Giles - Compton Apartments
	Target Area	Giles County HOME
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Rehab Existing Units Affordable Housing - Aquisition of Existing Units
	Funding	:
	Description	Acquisition and rehab of 2 rental apartment units for LMI persons who are 55+
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

9	Project Name	HOME - Floyd - Floyd Townhomes
	Target Area	Floyd County HOME
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Production of New Units
	Funding	:
	Description	Seven new construction homeownership opportunities for LMI families, in partnership with Habit for Humanity of the New River Valley
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	HOME - Prices Fork Apartments Phase 2
	Target Area	Montgomery County HOME
	Goals Supported	Support Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Production of New Units
	Funding	:
	Description	New construction of 10 HOME units for LMI families.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	CDBG-CV Administration
	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Prevent and End Homelessness Support Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$103,228 CDBG-CV: \$62,855
	Description	Administration of CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG-CV funds will be used to benefit approximately 3,125 LMI families.
	Location Description	Town of Blacksburg
	Planned Activities	Administration of public service and economic development activities designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
12	Project Name	CDBG-CV Public Services
	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Prevent and End Homelessness Support Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$63,000 CDBG-CV: \$151,422
	Description	Public service activities designed to assist LMI members of the Blacksburg community to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus. Activities will include \$85,000 to provide relief with rent, mortgages and utilities through a grant to New River Community Action; \$53,422 to provide hunger relief through grants to local non-profits and \$13,000 to support access to healthcare through a grant to the Community Health Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>The estimated number of LMI families that will benefit from the proposed activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relief with rent, mortgage and utilities payments: 25 • hunger relief, including preparation and distribution of healthy meals and produce: 850 • access to healthcare: 2,300
	Location Description	Town of Blacksburg
	Planned Activities	<p>Public service activities designed to assist LMI members of the Blacksburg community to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus will be supported with CDBG-CV funds in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relief with rent, mortgages and utilities through a grant to New River Community Action • hunger relief through grants to local non-profits, including the YMCA at Virginia Tech, Millstone Kitchen, the Blacksburg Farmers Market and Micah's Backpack. Programs supported will include fresh meal preparation/delivery and increased access to fresh, local produce. • support for enhanced access to healthcare through a grant to the Community Health Center of the NRV, which provides a range of health services to LMI families, including adaptive telehealth capacities during the pandemic.
13	Project Name	CDBG-CV Economic Development
	Target Area	Town of Blacksburg CDBG
	Goals Supported	Support Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$100,000
	Description	Economic Development activities designed to assist Blacksburg businesses to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus with a small grant program (\$100,000, to provide up to 20 grants).
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will benefit an estimated 25 LMI families.

	Location Description	Town of Blacksburg
	Planned Activities	<p>Economic Development activities designed to assist Blacksburg businesses to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.</p> <p>\$100,000 from the CDBG-CV allocation will be used to create a small business grant program. Grants of \$5,000 - \$10,000 will be made available to qualifying local businesses to assist with the negative economic impacts of the Coronavirus. Grant funds will be applied to expenses such as salaries, lease/mortgage, insurance and utilities.</p>

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The NRV HOME Consortium uses a rotational allocation system whereby each locality in the Consortium (Montgomery County, Giles County, Floyd County, Pulaski County, Radford City) receives a cumulative amount once every five years. This allows larger projects to be undertaken while allowing the locality to properly plan for the use of such funding. CDBG funds will be targeted to creating homeownership opportunities for LMI persons in the Bennet Hill/Progress Street neighborhood of Blacksburg. Additionally, Housing Resiliency Grants and public service programs will be available to LMI persons who reside in Blacksburg.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Town of Blacksburg CDBG	100
Floyd County HOME	
Giles County HOME	
Montgomery County HOME	
Pulaski County HOME	
City of Radford HOME	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

see above

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following activities to support affordable housing will occur during the period of the 2019 Action Plan:

- 7 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in Montgomery County
- 7 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in Floyd County
- 10 new apartment units constructed in Montgomery County
- 2 apartments aquired and rehabilitated in Giles County
- 1 home acquired in the Bennett Hill/Progress Neighborhood for LMI homeownership
- 5 homes rehabilitated in Blacksburg via the Housing Resliency Grants program
- 15 households assisted with homeless prevention services
- 16 households assisted with affordable child care

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	15
Non-Homeless	16
Special-Needs	0
Total	31

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	24
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	32

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

There are no public housing units in the New River Valley.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

There are no public housing units in the New River Valley.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

There are no public housing units in the New River Valley.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Homelessness, at any level, is a complex issue requiring great coordination and collaboration. This is particularly true in rural and transitional areas, where the nature of homelessness is often less visible than in urban areas with many public spaces and a variety of service providers. In light of this, and in accordance with the direction of the 2010 federal strategic plan to end homelessness, the service providers and other stakeholders of the New River Valley (NRV) have put forth an effort to more intentionally coordinate their activities, that together they might end homelessness in our area through means that would not be possible with each working separately. There are a variety of collaborators involved in this process. Prominently involved are the various programs of New River Community Action (NRCA), which provides homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and a seasonal emergency shelter for men, as well as the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, which provides emergency and transitional shelter for women fleeing domestic violence. Several private shelters, including the Warming Station, an emergency shelter in Pulaski County, Hope House in Giles County, Grace Episcopal Church in Radford, and the New River Family Shelter provide essential support in their communities. In addition to these direct service providers, local government representatives, affordable housing providers such as Community Housing Partners and the Housing Choice Voucher program, and specific population service providers, like Virginia Veteran and Family Support for veteran services, provide a crucial element to ensuring housing security.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The New River Valley Housing Partnership, which coordinates the regional Continuum of Care (COC), recently established the following objectives as published in the document "Ending Homelessness, a 10 Year Plan for the New River Valley":

Objective 1: Secure funding for, develop, and fully staff, preferably from among an existing service provider, a Permanent Supportive Housing project.

Objective 2: Fully implement and train all employees on a "no wrong door" policy, and develop specific policies within the next year addressing which participants should be referred to which programs.

Objective 3: Explore alternatives to facilitate greater data-sharing, creating within the next two years an agreement upon what information each agency is able to share and a means by which to share it as close to real-time as possible.

Objective 4: Explore all governmental, private, and philanthropic means of funding, and expand the total resource base for service providers in the NRV.

Objective 5: Advocate for the inclusion of transitional housing funding, especially in the case of domestic violence, at the state and federal levels.

Objective 6: Measure and increase outreach to targeted and general audiences, through mass media, social media, events, or other means.

Objective 7: Join with other service providers in the area and around the state to advocate for expanded access to resources such as public transportation, employment programs, and affordable healthcare, in all of its many forms, to make sustainable affordable housing more realistic.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Housing Partnership of the New River Valley coordinates the region's Continuum of Care plan. The following organizations will continue to work within this network to provide ongoing services:

New River Community Action: housing counseling, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley: emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, crisis intervention and case management for women and children experiencing domestic abuse

Grace Episcopal Church: short-term emergency housing for single women

Hope House: emergency shelter for families and individuals

New River Family Shelter: emergency shelter for families with children

The Warming Station: seasonal emergency shelter for single men and women

To Our House: seasonal emergency shelter for men and women

Virginia Veteran and Family Support: financial assistance and case management for veterans and their families

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

In this action plan, the Town of Blacksburg plans to continue its prior year funding of homeless intervention programs for the citizens of Blacksburg. The organizations to be funded are: Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, New River Community Action, and Valley Interfaith Child Care Center. Cumulatively, these organizations will provide families with food, shelter, homeless prevention and low-cost child care to enable them to get back on their feet and avoid homelessness. In addition, education will be provided to all recipients of the homeless intervention funding to provide a solid base for each family.

CDBG-CV

An additional \$85,000 will be applied to homelessness prevention through a grant to New River Community Action from CDBG-CV funds. These funds will be used to provide rent, mortgage and utilities payments for LMI families.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The NRV HOME Consortium and Town of Blacksburg will continue to work with its non-profit and for-profit partners to develop new affordable housing, rehabilitate existing housing, acquire housing with project based subsidies, and respond to emergency and minor home repair needs.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The Town of Blacksburg and NRV HOME Consortium staff are participating on the Leadership Team of the NRV Housing Study. The study will compile citizen input and housing market data to provide a detailed understanding of regional and local housing issues. This information will be valuable in future efforts to address public policy barriers to affordable housing.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

see AP-75

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Plans to foster and maintain affordable housing include the following:

- 5 homes assisted by Community Housing Partners through the Housing Resiliency Grants Program
- One house acquired, rehabilitated and sold to an LMI homebuyer through the Bennet Hill/Progress Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- 14 new construction homeownership opportunities for LMI families, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of the NRV
- 10 new construction rental apartments for LMI families
- 2 rental apartments acquired and rehabilitated for LMI individuals who are 55+

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Consortium will continue to practice diligence in the monitoring and remediation of lead hazards in older housing stock, following the procedures outlined in NRV HOME Consortium Policies and Procedures 2015, which are as follows:

1. **Notification.** Recipients of NRV HOME Funds must meet four notification requirements in administering homeowner rehabilitation programs, or developing homebuyer and rental projects. **Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet.** Occupants, owners, and purchasers must receive the EPA/HUD/Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) lead hazard information pamphlet, or an EPA approved equivalent. **Disclosure.** Recipients must check that property owners have provided purchasers and lessees with available information or knowledge regarding the presence of lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards prior to selling or leasing a residence. **Notice of Lead Hazard Evaluation or Presumption.** Occupants, owners, and purchasers must be notified of the results of any lead hazard evaluation work or the presumption of lead-based paint or lead hazards. **Notice of Lead Hazard Reduction Activity.** Occupants, owners, and purchasers must be notified of the results of any lead hazard reduction work.

2. **Lead Hazard Evaluation.** The evaluation activity required depends on the nature of the activity funded and the amount of Federal funding. Evaluation methods include visual assessments, paint testing, and risk assessments.
3. **Lead Hazard Reduction.** The reduction activity required depends on the nature of the activity funded and the amount of Federal funding. Reduction methods described include paint stabilization, interim controls, standard treatments, and abatement.
4. **Ongoing Maintenance.** Ongoing maintenance is required (e.g., Rental or TBRA activities). Ongoing maintenance includes periodic visual assessments to determine if lead-based paint hazards have reappeared.
5. **Response to Children with Environmental Intervention Blood Lead Levels (EIBLL).** When a poisoned child with an environmental intervention blood lead level is identified in some types of properties, the new regulation prescribes certain activities. (For HOME purposes, these requirements apply only to TBRA.)

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The New River Valley HOME Consortium provides leadership and input to several coordinated regional initiatives, including:

The New River Valley Housing Study

Consortium and Town staff are participating members of the Leadership Team for this initiative, which is being undertaken from July 2018 - December 2019. The study compiles citizen input and housing market data to provide a detailed understanding of the regional and local housing market and housing issues in New River Valley communities, and develops tailored strategies that address both regional and local housing needs. It will provide localities and developers with data and strategies that help to guide their investment in housing production and redevelopment projects.

Aging in Place Leadership Team

The New River Valley HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg are participating members of this multi-disciplinary team that meets monthly to develop and implement "aging in place" strategies for the region. Current activities have included the development of a workbook that is designed to assist aging members of the community to plan effectively for aging in place, with a focus on housing, health and

wellness, personal finance, transportation and connection and growth. The workbook can be accessed on-line, and can also be used to conduct community workshops. The team is currently working on a video to accompany the workbook as well as a train-the-trainer workshop.

The New River Valley Livability Initiative

Staff of the Town of Blacksburg and NRV HOME Consortium continue to serve on the Leadership Team of the NRV Livability Initiative. The Livability Initiative was a three-year regional planning process which provided an opportunity for NRV residents to develop a vision for the future and develop strategies that businesses, community organizations, local governments, and individuals can use to make this future vision a reality. A significant component of the Livability Initiative was the development of housing and neighborhood options, including the need for affordable housing. The NRV Livability Initiative has moved into the implementation phase of the strategies developed during the process.

New River Valley Housing Resource Guide

In June of 2017, the NRV HOME Consortium initiated a regional multi-agency effort to create a comprehensive resource aimed at assisting those seeking information about affordable housing in the region. Information was gathered by HOME Consortium staff, in partnership with 21 local and regional entities. Meetings are held annually to provide input to improving and updating the content. This resource, which is available in on-line and print versions, includes:

- a list of housing services, including emergency shelters, energy assistance and weatherization, fair housing, home repair financing, home modifications, housing choice vouchers, housing counseling and education, and legal assistance
- a listing of affordable rental housing units, with information including unit size, price range, estimate of tenant-paid utility cost, proximity to services, age, accessibility features and contact information.

New River Valley Housing Partnership

The New River Valley Housing Partnership, a collaborative effort of several local agencies, is the entity responsible for the local Continuum of Care. The Partnership meets monthly, where information is shared and input sought to enhance local efforts to address and prevent homelessness. The Town of Blacksburg supports two of the participating agencies (New River Community Action and Women's Resource Center of the NRV) through the CDBG Public Services program, and meets annually with project coordinators to discuss homeless needs and related supportive services.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

N/A

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

For all projects except when HOME funds are used in conjunction with VDHCD-funded Comprehensive Community Development projects (see B below)

The NRV HOME Consortium has used the resale method for home sales after March 1, 2012 including funds used for both down payment assistance and developer subsidy. Under the Consortium's resale program the home must be the household's primary residence (they must live in the home within 30 days of purchasing the home and at least 9 months out of each calendar year) and the household's income must be at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI). The legal agreements executed with the homebuyer restrict subsequent sales of the property during the HOME affordability period to households with incomes at or below 80% of the AMI with no exceptions. Both the Developer and the Town have a first right of refusal to re-purchase the home and sell it to an income qualified buyer during the HOME affordability period in order to maintain affordability for subsequent buyers. The range of low- to moderate-income buyers assisted through the resale program ranges from 47%-80% of AMI, unless approved by program staff which may impose requirements such as a maintenance escrow or other assurances to maintain the home.

The Resale Agreement limits the sale price of the home if sold within the HOME affordability period. The maximum restricted resale price is the lower of the calculated "Indexed Price" or the Fair Market Value. The Indexed Price is calculated as: the original sales price of the home, increased by the percentage increase of the area median income for the County in which the home rests for a household size of four (4) persons from the date of original purchase to the date of receipt by the Town of the owner's intent to transfer; plus the increase in the appraised value of the home (not cost) for any eligible capital improvements, which conformed with applicable building codes, whose initial costs exceeded 2% of the original sales price, and were approved in writing before they were installed; plus the costs of services of a real estate professional to sell the home; minus deferred maintenance and costs needed to put the home into a "sellable condition." The Fair Market Value can be determined in one of two ways, either it can be established by an appraisal conducted by a real estate appraiser or the owner and the Town may set the Fair Market Value by mutual agreement instead of relying on an appraiser. By calculating the maximum restricted resale price,

the owner is given an objectively calculated fair return while maintaining the affordability of the home for the subsequent buyer.

All resale restrictions under this section will be secured by four legal instruments: a Buyer's Disclosure Statement (HOME Written Agreement), a Covenant running with the land, a Deed of Trust, and a Promissory Note.

B. For projects when HOME funds are used in conjunction with VDHCD-funded Comprehensive Community Development projects

If new infill units are part of the CCD project, the resale provisions in section "a" above will apply.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

See question 2.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

N/A

